

**Leon County  
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council**

Meeting of November 26, 2003  
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**Members attending:**

Dr. Javier Escobar, Director of Emergency Department, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc.  
Mr. Bill Giudice and Mr. Richard Syski, representing Mr. Mark O'Bryant, President and CEO, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc.  
Mr. Dan Moynihan, Director of Emergency Medical Services, representing Mr. Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
Mr. Tom Coe, representing Anita Favors, Manager, City of Tallahassee

**Guests:**

Dr. Todd Patterson, Medical Director, Pediatric ICU, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc.  
Ms. Marsha Player, Director Women's and Children's Services, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc.  
Ms. Cherry A. Shaw, Leon County Attorney's Office  
Mr. Patrick Kinni, Leon County Attorney's Office  
Mr. Richard Smith, Leon County Emergency Management  
Mr. Joe Sharp, Director Health and Human Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A. M.

Mr. Sharp stated that Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council had received a letter dated November 21, 2003, from Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc. (TMH) requesting an extension of their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to continue to provide advanced life support, high risk neonate, infant and pediatric transports and to provide non-medically necessary (as defined by Medicare), TMH Campus interfacility transports.

The letter was reviewed. Dr. Patterson indicated that TMH has provided high risk neonatal transport services for over 15 years and has developed a high level of expertise in the transport and care of these patients. Mr. Moynihan stated that the care and transport of high risk neonatal cases requires the services of a highly specialized team of a neonatologist and specialty care nurses. Mr. Moynihan indicated that the EMS Staff was not credentialed for these services. Dr. Patterson stated that the TMH Staff was credentialed for these services and meets the requirements of the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Zyski stated that from time to time, it was necessary for TMH to transfer non-ambulatory patients from one campus building to another to receive medical services and that TMH desired to continue to provide these services. Mr. Moynihan inquired if these transports would meet Medicare's definition of Medical Necessity. Mr. Syski indicated that they would not.

Mr. Coe moved that the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc's, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Emergency Medical and Transport Services be extended for three years for the provision of the following services only: Advanced Life Support and transport services for high risk neonatal, infant and pediatric cases and non-medically necessary (as defined by Medicare) TMH campus interfacility transports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giudice and carried without dissent.

Mr. Sharp indicated that review of emergency medical services had suggested to staff that the Leon County EMS ordinance should be reviewed for possible modification. The proposed EMS ordinance was reviewed. A number of concerns ensued. After discussion, Mr. Coe, moved that the proposed EMS ordinance receive further study and be brought back to the EMSAC at its next meeting. The motion carried.

There being no further business of the Council, upon motion of Mr. Coe, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 A. M.